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# REPORTS

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Selectmen and other Town Officers,

—OF—

LEMPSTER, N. H.

—INCLUDING THE REPORT OF THE—

Superintending School Committee,

—FOR THE—

*Year Ending March 1st, 1879.*

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# REPORT

—OF THE—

## OFFICERS OF THE

# Town of Lempster,

*For the year ending March 1st., 1879.*

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### RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

The town of LEMPSTER, in account with the Selectmen for 1878-9.

Cash in hands of Treas. Mar. 1st, 1878,	\$ 1279 24
Last annual assessment	4142 25
Remaining on tax bill, 1877	716 01
“ “ 1875	80 00
“ “ 1874	15 22
Received of the County for support of paupers	230 15
“ Savings Bank tax 1878.	314 15
“ Literary Fund “	45 14
“ rent of school land,	19 66
“ Interest on taxes of 1877,	43 50
“ “ “ 1878,	10 00
	\$ 6895 50

## EXPENDITURES.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1st, 1879.

TOWN OFFICERS PAID TO MARCH 1st, 1879.

Paid Wm. B. Parker, services as Auditor,	\$	2	00
“ Wm. C. Sabine, “ “		2	00
“ Hiram Parker, services as Selectman,		45	50
“ Homer Beckwith, “ “		36	00
“ Andrew J. Parker, “ “		31	00
“ Andrew J. Mitchell, services as Overseer of Poor,		16	00
Paid Lewis B. Allen, “ Treasurer		20	00
“ Walter A. Paige, “ S. S. Com.		30	00
“ George W. Hurd, “ Collector,		50	00
“ William E. Way, “ Supervisor,		2	50
“ Asbury F. Perley “ “		1	50
“ Albert Noyes “ “		1	50
“ Edmund B. Richardson, Town Clerk,		24	00
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			\$ 262 00

## FOR SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Dist. No. 1, E. B. Richardson,	\$	93	43
“ 2, C. Reed Lewis,		87	18
“ 3, George H. Moore,		81	53
“ 4, Henry M. Bingham,		63	88
“ 5, Cyrus H. Hodgman,		61	69
“ 6, Theron M. Scranton,		31	00
“ 7, Albert Noyes,		84	94
“ 8, John Wheeler,		90	97
“ 9, George W. Town,		50	20
Hiram Parker, for High School,		150	00
William A. Morrison's School tax paid to Acworth,		3	68
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			\$ 798 50

## DAMAGES BY DOGS.

Paid Matthew Jameson, Jr.,	\$	13	00
“ Dudley Huntley,		3	06

Paid	George W. Hurd,	5 73
"	Samuel Richardson,	12 62
"	Oliver Davis,	8 41
"	Betsy Mann,	4 60
"	Anthony S. Gile,	2 29
"	George H. Baker,	3 05
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		\$ 52 76

## NOTES

## TAKEN UP AND INDORSEMENTS.

Paid	Aira B. Moore,	\$ 35 00
"	Rebecca G. Dodge,	40 00
"	Emily Eaton,	14 50
"	Ianthia Nichols,	423 00
"	Samuel Blanchard,	660 00
"	Truman Pollard, note taken up,	319 83
"	Wm. B. Parker, for Universalist Society,	30 00
"	Alfred Davis,	10 00
"	Ephraim Jennings,	27 58
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		\$ 1559 91

## SUPPORT OF COUNTY PAUPERS.

Paid	A. J. Mitchell, support county paupers,	\$ 230 60
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		\$ 230 60

## SUPPORT OF TOWN PAUPERS.

Paid	Henry Walker, support of Erastus } Nichols and wife,	\$ 19 48
"	Andrew J. Mitchell, support of } Erastus Nichols and wife.	131 38
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		\$ 150 86

# PLANK AND LABOR ON HIGHWAYS.

Paid	Charles Tandy, 155 ft. plank,	\$ 1 40
"	William Welch, 18 hours' labor,	2 00
"	Sylvanus Fuller, 800 ft. plank, and labor,	8 80
"	William C. Sabine, bridge timber } and 24 hours' labor, }	5 18
"	Homer Beckwith, repairing highway,	4 50
"	Oliver E. Paige, 700 ft. lumber and 27 } hours' labor, }	8 50
"	Chas. W. Tandy, 616 ft. plank,	4 31
"	Chas Putnam, 3978 ft. plank and 15 } hours' labor, }	36 55
"	Silas Noyes, 77 hours' labor,	9 16
"	Warren J. Wright, 96 hours' labor,	11 52
"	George H. Moore, 343 ft. plank and } 27 hours' labor, }	5 96
"	Horatio L. Thompson, 17 hours' labor } and damages to plow, }	3 00
"	E. & B. N. Gordon, 270 ft. plank,	2 16
"	Ezra Miller, 12 hours' labor,	1 50
"	Chas. W. Tandy, 809 ft. plank,	5 66
"	Dennison Nichols, 12 hours' labor,	1 50
"	Wm. Huntoon, 25 hours' labor,	3 00
"	Homer Beckwith, for labor and cutting ice,	6 50
"	Sylvanus Fuller, for timber and labor,	9 25
"	R. D. Pollard & Co., 784 ft. plank, work } on highway and cutting bushes, }	14 79
		<hr/> \$ 145 24

# ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Abatement on tax bill, 1878	\$ 58 52
“ “ “ 1877	6 30
“ “ “ 1875	9 57
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	\$ 74 39

# MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid David S. Hamlin, printing Report of 1878,	\$24 00
" Reuben G. Howe, breaking roads, } Spring, 1878, }	16 53

Paid Matthew Jameson, Jr., breaking roads, } Spring, 1878,	5 40
" Hezekiah Fuller, breaking roads, } Spring 1878,	1 00
" Selectman for books and stationary,	9 08
" " entertainment while taking } invoice and making taxes,	8 00
" Homer Beckwith, breaking roads, } Spring 1878,	1 60
" Paige Brothers, building tramp house,	40 00
" for articles for tramp house	8 63
" Michael Sweeney, repairing scraper	5 15
" Geo. W. Town, school-house tax dist. No. 9,	18 00
" Homer Beckwith, repairing old town-house,	1 00
" Lewis B. Allen, mowing Cemetery	3 00
" Geo. W. Town, services as sexton and } tolling bell	12 40
" Dan Gale, for 2½ cords wood, and care of } town-house	12 50
" William E. Way, for Check-lists	3 25
" " " goods furnished town-hall	3 33
" Andrew J. Mitchell supporting tramps	11 50
" County Tax 1878	650 04
" State " "	584 00
" Bounty on hawks and foxes	29 40
" Walter A. Paige, for books furnished } indigent children	3 05
" Incidental expenses of Selectmen	10 50
" Non-resident highway receipts 1877	4 50
" " " " 1878	71 67
" Edmd. B. Richardson, goods furnished town	1 40
" John G. Robinson entertainment town } officers	4 25
Remaining on tax bill of 1878	832 06
" " " 1875	60 43
" " " 1874	15 22

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\$ 2450 89

The Selectmen & Treas. charge } themselves with the receipt of	6895 50	
The disbursements amount to	5725 15	
Leaving a bal. in hands of Treas.	—————	\$ 1170 35

## NOTES AGAINST THE TOWN.

Aira B. Moore,	\$ 700 00
Samuel Blanchard,	3200 00
Jacob N. Butler,	1835 00
Emily Eaton,	290 00
Ianthia Nichols,	1200 00
Esther Booth,	625 00
Universalist Society,	1000 00
Rebecca G. Dodge,	800 00
Henry Walker,	230 00
Andrew J. Parker,	130 00
Marietta Blanchard,	150 00
Stephen Allen,	425 00
Alfred Davis,	175 00
Ephraim Jennings,	500 00
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	\$ 11260 00
Int. due on above notes Mar. 1, '79, 882 25	
Amount of notes and interest,	<hr/> \$ 12142 25

## ASSETS.

Indorsement on Town notes,	\$ 2294 34
In hands of Treasurer,	1170 35
On tax bill of 1878,	832 06
"      "      1875,	60 43
"      "      1874,	15 22
Rent on School land,	4 50
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	\$ 4376 90
Indebtedness of Town, notes and interest,	\$ 12142 25
Assets,	4376 90
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Leaving a balance against the Town of \$ 7765 35  
 which shows a reduction of the debt of '78 of 1074 71

HIRAM PARKER,	}	<i>Selectmen of Lempster.</i>
HOMER BECKWITH,		
ANDREW J. PARKER,		

We, the undersigned, Auditors, appointed to settle  
 with the Selectmen and Treasurer, have examined their  
 accounts and find them well vouched and correctly cast.

WILLIAM B. PARKER,	}	<i>Auditors.</i>
WM. C. SABINE,		

*Lempster, March 1st., 1879.*

# REPORT

OF THE

## Superintending School Committee,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1st, 1879.

Complying with the Statutes of the State of New Hampshire, the Superintending School Committee submit the following report of the Common Schools in Lempster, and in so doing they would call to the minds of the citizens the fact that it was decided by the town that but five pages should be appropriated for the same, thus making it necessary not only to condense but to utterly reject matter which in their opinion should be contained therein, and we express the hope that the space will not be so limited in the future as we fear the necessary abridgment can furnish but an unsatisfactory report. The limitation would restrict us, were we inclined so to do, from comparing the standing of the several schools. We refrain from it, also from the fact that but two visits, as will readily be seen, cannot afford us sufficient knowledge to do so; and we hardly feel that justice would be done if we were to depend on the registers wholly, as we observe that the deportment or scholarship, or both, of the entire school in some cases is marked extra while in others the same uniformity exists, but the indicating mark is ordinary, and it occurs to us that the teachers gave more consideration to the equalizing than to the accuracy of the marking. That every scholar's record in some school may be free from a tardy or dismissal mark, may be true, but that their deportment or scholarship be exactly the same, in any school, is to us, a matter of doubt.

A comparison of this kind would be of use and interesting, and would without doubt, incite teachers and scholars to improvement in these respects; but it cannot be justly obtained until it is more generally understood by teachers as to what constitutes excellency in each. We forbear from it, then, but

will report the schools, collectively, as more than ordinary.

Seventeen terms of school were taught in town during the year, not including the High School.

The term in District No. 6, the two terms in No. 5, and one in No. 9, were under the instruction of Miss J. Amanda Leach of Newbury. Miss Leach has taught many terms, several in Lempster, and her services are ever in demand as she is known to be a fine teacher.

The two terms in District No. 8, were taught by Miss Alice J. Dana, who gave good satisfaction and made her exercises of the last day of each term quite interesting.

The two terms in District No. 2, were under the instruction of Mrs. M. Louise Whittemore. The scholars were mostly small, making it more difficult to maintain good order, but the teacher evidently had the good will of the school and we were pleased to note good progress made.

The Summer term in District No. 4, was taught by Miss Julia A. Scales of Claremont, and that in No. 7, by Miss Nellie M. Buswell of Acworth, and in each we noticed that the teacher had the obedience and love of the scholars, requisites in rendering terms efficient, which they were.

The Summer term in District No. 8, was under the management of Miss Nette L. Allen, and the Winter term in No. 7, of Miss Mary A. Stafford, both of Lempster, and two of the many teachers who have attended the High School in town, and their success in teaching reflects credit upon them and upon the supporters of an institution producing such instructors.

In District No. 3, the services of Miss Nettie L. Stearns were secured for the summer and those of Miss Nellie L. Keyes for the same in No. 9. These teachers are also residents of Lempster, and their labors were attended by a marked degree of improvement.

Mr. George H. Dodge of Acworth, made his first attempt at teaching in District No. 4, and had a very pleasant and orderly school.

Mr. George W. Anderson of Acworth, taught—as his first experience—the Winter term in District No. 8, and the examination showed Mr. Anderson's adaptability to teaching. He evidently did not think it so essential to reach the last pages in the text-books as to perfectly understand what was taken up.

Your Committee acted in the capacity of teacher for the Winter term in District No. 3, and endeavored that what was passed over during the term should be with thoroughness. The scholars gave good attention to their studies and made the school a very pleasant one to the teacher, and judging from the expression of the visitors, at the close, of which we were pleased to have a large number, there was fair progress made.

In the annexed table, are arranged certain statistics, gathered from the registers.

The Roll of Honor contains the names of scholars who have been present every half day of a term without being tardy.

No. of Districts.	Terms.	Prudential Committee.	Teachers.	Wages per month.	Length of term in weeks.	No. of Pupils.	Average attendance.	Visits of S. S. Committee.	Visits of Citizens.	Names on Roll of Honor.
1.	Summer.	E. B. Richardson.	Nette Allen.	11	11	10	10	1	25	9
	Winter.		G. W. Anderson.	16	10	11	10	2	21	2
2.	Summer.	C. R. Lewis.	M. Louise Whittemore	20	5	11	10	4	4	2
	Winter.		" "	20	12	10	10	8	3	3
3.	Summer.	G. H. Moore.	Nettie L. Stearns.	10	10	12	11	2	20	8
	Winter.		Walter Paige.	22	10	18	17	4	44	9
4.	Summer.	Henry Bingham.	Julia A. Scates.	10	8	10	8	2	13	3
	Fall.		G. H. Dodge.	17	10	10	9	2	3	3
5.	Summer.	C. H. Hodgman.	J. Amanda Leach.	21	9	15	15	2	18	9
	Winter.		" "	20	7	8	7	2	9	4
6.	Fall.	T. M. Scranton.	Nellie M. Buswell.	13	11	19	19	3	31	3
7.	Summer.	Albert Noyes.	Mary A. Stafford.	18	11	19	19	2	36	7
	Winter.		Alice J. Dana.	17	9	13	12	2	24	5
8.	Summer.	John Wheeler.	" "	20	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	16	14	2	16	3
	Winter.		Nellie L. Koyes.	14	8	6	5	2	9	4
9.	Summer.	G. W. Town.	J. Amanda Leach.	15	4	7	6	1	13	2
	Fall.						9			

## ROLL OF HONOR.

DISTRICT No. 1. Ella M. Evans, Minnie F. Howe, Effie V. Howe, Ellen M. Sweeney, Bertie G. Evans, Frank Newton, John P. Sweeney.

DISTRICT No. 2. Anthony S. Jameson, Willie N. Nichols, Charles W. Sabine, Joseph Nichols, Ervin A. George, Jennie C. Jameson, Nina M. Lewis, Elnora Millen, George L. Lewis.

DISTRICT No. 3. Hattie Paige, Ida R. Thompson, Anna E. Stafford, Camilla Pollard, Etta L. Gile, Fred S. Gile, Elbert E. Hurd, Charlie R. Thompson, Charlie Cragin, Eddie Clark, Robert L. Hurd, Cora F. Baker,

DISTRICT No. 4. Leon P. George, Carl J. Carey, George A. Gordon, May Bingham.

DISTRICT No. 5. Willie P. Hodgman, Robert J. Richardson, Hermie Moody, Harry S. Pollard, Eddie T. Richardson, Charlie Richardson, Flora E. Hodgman, Anna E. Hodgman, Josie A. Pollard,

DISTRICT No. 6. Hattie N. Little, Laura M. Edson, Thomas H. Nichols, Byron Nichols.

DISTRICT No. 7. Addie Currier, Fred Huntley, Ernest Cutler, Lucia Cutler, Lettie Kempton, Millie Severns, Abbie Cutler, Katie Allen, Charlie Griffith.

DISTRICT No. 8. S. Belle Keyes, Maggie L. O'Brien, Minnie E. O'Brien, Cathie E. Putnam, Willie M. O'Brien, Homer T. Wright.

DISTRICT No. 9. Elma A. Welch, Ada L. Town, Katie R. Way, Flora M. Gile, Leva M. Bruce.

Each term of school was visited near the commencement, and with one exception, at the close, the exception being a term of but four weeks. We endeavored to impress upon the minds of the schools, the necessity of pursuing every study with thoroughness, and also to discourage the idea, so prevalent among scholars, that the higher grades of text-books advance them more rapidly; we also urged upon them the good resulting from being constant and prompt in attendance, not only that they might profit by the whole time afforded them but as

a means of acquiring habits of regularity and punctuality, and comparing the names found on the Roll of Honor with those of last year, a gain of ten per cent. is found.

The school-houses in town are generally in good condition, and the interest manifested in the schools, by parents citizens, is, in them, very commendable. Two terms were considerably lengthened by private subscription and the generosity of the teachers.

There is a decided lack of illustrative apparatus and books of reference, and we are of the opinion that an Unabridged Dictionary, either obtained by subscription or by using the five per cent. allowed, would be money well invested in every district; in fact, we regard this book as indispensable in every study, and especially so in Reading, Composition and Grammar. We would recommend the provision of it before that of a Globe or Maps.

There is a deplorable multiplicity of text-books in the schools, in the reduction of which, parents, school officers and teachers should all combine. In one school were found no less than five different series of Geographies, and we have endeavored to remedy this evil, with partial success, substituting in their places, Harper's Series. The same hindrance exists in regard to Grammars which ought speedily to be removed.

We trust it will receive attention and also that the interest which is felt in the rank of our schools will still continue, and that our interest in them and efforts in their behalf may be in the right direction. The best economy, we think, is not the construction of school-houses on a plan so cheap as to make them uncomfortable for the pupils, and bleak and desolate in appearance; it is not to prolong a term by hiring an inferior teacher at a reduced price. Let us not, either, labor under the hallucination that every man in the district is entitled to the office of Prudential Committee; the man whose judgment is best and who is willing to put himself to no little inconvenience for the benefit of the school is the one who should have the office, this year, next year, and as many years as you are fortunate enough to be able to persuade him to accept it.

The High School was under the instruction of Mr. George E. Perley, who being a resident of Lempster, and quite familiar with the standing and requirements of the same, was enabled to make the term one of the best. The Lyceum connected with it was particularly meritorious, of the benefit of the pleasure and instruction of which, many availed themselves. Since the establishment of the High School we have noticed an advance in the standing of the other schools and that the existence of the one, and the onward progress of both, may long continue is our hope and belief.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER PAIGE,

Superintending School Committee of Lempster.



PAIGE BROTHERS,

MANUFACTURERS OF

Sap Holders and Receivers,

Butter and Sugar Tubs,

**SYRUP KECS, &c.**

East Lempster, N. H.